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SUBJECT: FALSE PRESS REPORT OF DOLS 250 MILLION US LOAN
REF: KINGSTON 1821 AND 1823
1. EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN GOJ
AND SUGGEST THAT GOJ ISSUE DENIAL OF DAILY NEWS REPORT ON
DOLS 250 MILLION LOAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH USG.

2. IF GOVERNMENT OF GOJ IS NOT RESPONSIVE TO SUGGESTION
OUTLINED ABOVE, EMBASSY SHOULD RELEASE STATEMENT ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES:

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND JAMAICA ARE NOT ENGAGED IN NEGOTIA-
TIONS FOR A MAJOR LOAN AS WAS ALLEGED IN A REPORT CONTAINED
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IN THE DAILY NEWS ON APRIL 19.

THERE MAY BE A MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF THE
REPORTER AS TO PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL
INTEREST IN THE AREAS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TRADE.
AS REPORTED IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON MARCH 6, THE UNITED
STATES AND JAMAICA HAVE AGREED TO FORM JOINT TECHNICAL

TEAMS TO STUDY THOSE MATTERS. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ASSEMBLING OUR HALF OF THE TEAM, AND EXPECT TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE JAMAICAN TEAM MEMBERS IN ABOUT A FORT-NIGHT.

WE EXPECT THESE DISCUSSIONS TO BE AN INITIAL STEP LEADING TO GREATER COOPERATION. WE ANTICIPATE FOLLOW UP TEAMS OF EXPERTS WILL BE EXAMINING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS WHICH MIGHT COME FROM A VARIETY OF LOCAL AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL SOURCES. WITH REGARD TO TRADE, THE TEAMS WOULD IDENTIFY POSSIBLE MECHANISMS TO ASSIST JAMAICAN PRODUCERS TO TAKE GREATER ADVANTAGE OF MARKET OPPORTUNITIES AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY NEW AREAS OF TRADE.

THE NEWS ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT THE U.S. MAY SUBSTITUTE U.S. SUPPORT FOR IMF ASSISTANCE, THEREBY RENDERING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IMF UNNECESSARY. SHOULD YOU BE QUESTIONED ON THIS POINT, EITHER BY THE PRESS OR BY GOJ OFFICIALS, YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE U.S. WILL IN NO WAY INTERFERE WITH GOJ/IMF RELATIONS, AND OUR JOINT TEAM DISCUSSIONS ARE NOT RPT NOT INTENDED TO SUBSTITUTE FOR WHATEVER NEGOTIATIONS THE GOJ AND THE IMF MAY WISH TO UNDERTAKE.
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